



STINGER BASKETBALL

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HOOP SQUAD TAKES QUEBEC; HEAD TO NATIONALS

The Concordia Stingers will represent Quebec next weekend, March 13-16, at the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union (CIAU) Men's Basketball Championships in Halifax.

Concordia captured the Quebec University Athletic Association (QUAA) title Sunday afternoon, March 8, whipping the host McGill Redmen 86-73 before a full house at the Arthur Currie Gym. Guard Craig Norman, who after the game was named a QUAA All-star for the fourth time in his five year career, scored 28 points for the winners.

Center Rob Latter continued his amazing comeback with 18 points. After undergoing back surgery last December he was feared lost for the season. He returned to the Stinger lineup eight games ago and has helped the club fashion a six game winning streak.

The Stingers gained a wild-card berth last year to the regional playoffs in Lethbridge, Alberta, but were defeated 77-58 by the host team in their first game. They had to settle for an 83-73 consolation victory over St. Francis Xavier.

Stinger mentor Doug Daigneault, named QUAA coach-of-the-year for the seventh time in his 21 years behind the bench, has now amassed 12 league titles in his career. But he is still looking for his first national crown.

Daigneault coached teams have recorded 435 wins.

Concordia will meet number one ranked Brandon Friday night at 7 p.m. in first round action. Other matchups will see Winnipeg face Toronto, University of British Columbia hookup against Western Ontario and McMaster take on host St. Mary's.

FIRST-ROUND MATCHUPS FOR NATIONALS

<u>POOL A</u>		<u>POOL B</u>	
Concordia Univ.	vs Brandon Univ.	UBC	vs Univ. of Western Ontario
McMaster University	vs St. Mary's Univ.	Univ. of Winnipeg	vs Univ. of Toronto